

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Amendment claim 1 has been rewritten to include the features of claims 2 and 3 (which have been canceled), new claim 8 has been added to retain claim 4 as a new independent claim, and new claim 9 has been added to define a preferred embodiment of the claim 8 invention (see claim 5).

Since these claim revisions conform with the examiner's statement of allowable subject matter in the final Office Action of January 17, 2006, entry is in order.

In the Interview Summary of May 19, 2006 (referred to again in the Advisory Action of May 30, 2006), the examiner states that, during the telephone conference of May 15, 2006, the undersigned stated that the inventors of the instant application "were aware of prior art which they are attempting to draft the claims around." The examiner goes on to remind the applicants that they "have a duty to disclose all information relevant to the invention...."

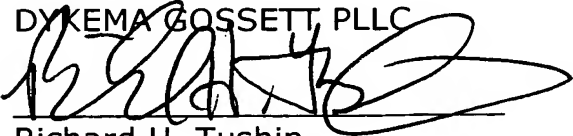
Neither the inventors nor the undersigned are aware of additional prior art which could be considered material to the evaluation of the patentability of the presented claims. During the telephone conference with the examiner on May 15, 2006, the undersigned merely stated that the wording of claim 1 of the application was of concern to the inventors to cover similar constructions that might be developed by competitors.

A prompt allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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